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1. INTRODUCTION

Under Technical Direction (TDD) No. 0008-0808-008, the United States Environmental

Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region V directed the Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON),

Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) to conduct a preliminary

investigation for soil and groundwater at twenty properties in Elkhart, (add the county here),

Indiana.

1.1 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

WESTON START developed a sampling and analysis plan (SAP) for the preliminary

investigation, which was approved by the U.S. EPA. The SAP includes the collection of soil and

groundwater samples from 20 industrial and commerce properties for investigating groundwater

contamination for the Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Plume (Lusher Street Site).

The investigation on the 20 properties was conducted to determine if the properties were

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to known groundwater contamination. Out of 20

properties that is being investigated, 19 properties are within currently defined site boundaries

and one property (Gemeinhardt Site) is south of the currently defined site boundaries. The

chlorinated solvents of interest are trichloroethene (TCE]) 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)

cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE) and tetrachloroethene (PCE).

1.2 REPORT ORGANIZATION

This preliminary investigation report is divided into the five sections summarized below.

• Section 1 - Introduction: This section discusses the project objectives and report

organization.

• <u>Section 2</u> – Site History and Background Information: This section discusses the

site/property description, history, and previous investigations results (as applicable) for

the four properties investigated.

• Section 3 - Field Investigation: This section describes the investigation activities,

including sampling, survey, and measurement methods; analytical laboratory procedures;

and monitoring well abandonment.

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• <u>Section 4</u> - Investigation Results: This section summarizes the analytical results of the field investigation.

• <u>Section 5</u> - Summary of Investigation: This section summarizes the investigation results and presents conclusions based on data collected during the investigation.

2. SITE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site consists of a groundwater plume. The plume is primarily a chlorinated solvent, [including: TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, trans 1,2-

dichloroethylene (trans 1,2-DCE), cis 1,2-DCE, 1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE), and PCE]

plume. The current plume boundary was delineated using data from residential and commercial

private wells. The outer boundaries of the contaminated groundwater plume have tentatively

been established from west to east along Lusher Avenue from Nappanee Street to Oakland

Street and north to south from the St. Joseph River to Hively Avenue. The land use surrounding

the site is mainly commercial, industrial, and residential. Non-detect wells were identified

around the plume. The plume was drawn by connecting a line to the perimeter of all

contaminated wells on the farthest edges of the sample area. Thirty-six wells, consisting of

residential and commercial private wells, were found to be contaminated with chlorinated

volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These 36 wells are within a one-mile radius of the center

of the plume. The center of the plume is denoted by the private well (at the Avalon Street

location) with the highest concentration of VOCs in the drinking water.

In 2006, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Site Investigation

Section began Site Inspection (SI) activities at the Lusher Street Site. IDEM conducted five

sampling events. The results from investigations showed that the concentrations of TCE were

above the U.S. EPA maximum contaminant levels (MCL) of 5.0 micrograms per liter (ug/L)

for TCE in nine wells in a range of 7.4 to 640 ug/L. The water in one well was found to

contain elevated levels of 1,1-DCE (16 J ug/L). J is data qualifier and defined the estimated

concentrations. The MCL of 1,1-DCE is 7 ug/L. A total of 10 wells were found to exceed the

MCL. Low concentrations of chlorinated VOCs (below MCLs) were detected in 24 wells.

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The highest concentration of TCE is located at 41°40'22.52" north latitude and 85° 59' 46.41" west longitude.

Although the source of the chlorinated solvents has not been identified, there are numerous

facilities in the area of the plume that may have contributed to the contamination. The

Groundwater Contamination area was discovered during an investigation of the K.G.

Gemeinhardt Company (Gemeinhardt) as discussed below. From the 1940s through 1977,

Gemeinhardt and its predecessors owned and operated manufacturing facilities on a three-acre

site at 57882 State Route 19, Elkhart, Indiana In 1985, Gemeinhardt agreed to an interim

remedial action, whereby Gemeinhardt would conduct an investigation sufficient to fully

characterize the sources and extent of groundwater identified to the north-northwest of the

facility. While conducting an extent of contamination study at Gemeinhardt, under the terms of

the 1985 Consent Order with the U.S. EPA, VOCs were detected in private drinking water wells

in an area immediately south of Lusher Avenue. At the time of this investigation, Gemeinhardt

believed that the contamination in this area was independent of the Gemeinhardt groundwater

plume. The Elkhart County Health Department (ECHD) was notified of the contamination. In

1987, ECHD began an investigation of the area. The investigation was limited to an area

bordered by State Road 19 on the west, Avalon Street on the east, Lusher Avenue on the south,

and the St. Joseph River on the north. ECHD sampled 145 wells in this area. ECHD identified

103 private drinking water wells that were found to contain elevated levels of TCE and 1,1,1-

TCA. Subsequently, ECHD requested assistance from U.S. EPA in providing alternate drinking

water supplies to the affected residences and businesses.

In October 1987, the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), in conjunction with U.S. EPA's

Technical Assistance Team (TAT) contractor, began an investigation into the groundwater

contamination. Analytical results taken by TAT on November 3, 1987, confirmed the presence of

TCE and 1,1,1-TCA as well as other VOCs found in concentrations exceeding the U.S. EPA

removal action levels of contaminated drinking water sites. Of greatest concern were the levels

of 1,1,1 TCA [1,590 parts per billion (ppb)] at a location on W. Indiana and TCE (804 ppb) at a

location on 17 Street. As a result of the investigation, U.S. EPA initiated a removal action at the

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Lusher Street Site to mitigate the immediate threats to human health and the environment posed

by the groundwater contamination of residential and business water wells. EPA discovered the

Lusher Street Site on January 12, 1988. It should be noted that Lusher Street is actually Lusher

Avenue. All references to Lusher Street apply to Lusher Avenue throughout this report. The

removal action consisted of U.S. EPA installing point of use carbon filters at 13 Elkhart

residences and businesses to reduce contaminant concentrations to below the acceptable safe

drinking water standard for all contaminants involved. In addition, EPA converted two

residences' water supplies from private wells to city water because these residences showed

contaminant levels that exceed the contaminant actions levels for the Agency for Toxic

Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) bathing concern levels. As directed by the EPA

OSC, TAT conducted an extent of contamination study from January 18, 1988, to March 16,

1988, which included collecting a total of 45 residential and business well samples. From

August 18, 1988, to August 31, 1988, based on the results of the extent of contamination study,

five additional residences and businesses were provided with city water hookups. This removal

action, which consisted of investigation and provision of point of use carbon filters and provision

of city water hookups was completed on August 31, 1988.

IDEM began its own water testing during the summer of 1989 to determine if other residents

would be provided alternate water supplies at the state's expense. Municipal water lines were

extended to the majority of properties impacted except at one residence, located on Avalon

Street. A municipal hook up was not provided to the residence on Avalon Street because no

municipal water main was in close proximity to it.

U.S. EPA identified Walerko Tool & Engineering Corporation (Walerko) as liable for the

groundwater contamination around Lusher Street. Walerko, which commenced business

operations in 1952, engages in machining, tool and die work at its manufacturing plant located at

1935 West Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. Walerko used the cleaning solvent

trichloroethane (TCA) as a parts cleaner in its manufacturing process. Periodically, when the

tanks and smaller containers of solvent became dirty, Walerko employees disposed of the spent

solvent outside of the facility onto the ground and then refilled the containers with fresh solvent.

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In 1987, the drinking water well located at Walerko indicated the presence of TCA at a

concentration of 660 ppb and TCE at a concentration of 38 ppb. On September 24, 1993, U.S.

EPA filed a Cost Recovery Consent Decree with Walerko. The consent decree included a

complaint pursuant to Sections 104(e) and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation, Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C Sections 9604(e) and

9607, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C.

Section 6927. The United States was seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred by U.S.

EPA and the Department of Justice (DOJ) for response actions in connection with the release or

threatened release of hazardous substances, including 1,1,1-TCA and TCE, at the Lusher Street

Site in Elkhart, Indiana and civil penalties for Walerko's failure to timely respond to U.S. EPA's

information requests dated March 26, 1990.

In 1987, the water at the same Avalon Street location mentioned above had 1,1,1-TCA at 69

ug/L, TCE at 11 ug/L, 1,1,1-TCA at 74 ug/L, dichloroethane (DCA) at 19 ug/L, and

dichloroethnene (DCE) at 14 ug/. In 2005, the water at the Avalon Street location was sampled

by IDEM staff and the sample results revealed that the TCE levels were as high as 700 ug/L.

Subsequent groundwater sampling, as part of the SI activities conducted in 2006, revealed that

numerous nearby private wells have also been impacted with elevated levels of VOCs.

In 2006, IDEM, Site Investigation Section, began SI activities at the Lusher Street Site. The

results showed that the concentrations of TCE were above the MCL of 5.0 ug/L for TCE in 11

wells in a range of 7.4 to 640 ug/L. The water in another well was found to contain elevated

levels of 1,1-DCE (16J ug/L). The MCL of 1,1-DCE is 7 ug/L. A total of ten wells used for

drinking water were found to exceed U.S. EPA's MCLs. Concentrations of chlorinated VOCs

(below MCLs) were detected in twenty-six wells.

After the results of the water samples were reviewed and it was determined that the water was

unacceptable for use, IDEM's State Clean Up Program provided bottled water to those people

whose water was found to exceed MCLs. IDEM alerted the U.S. EPA OSC that some residential

sample results for TCE had exceeded or were close to the MCL. In August 2006, START

sampled four residential locations and one business location to correlate IDEM's data results.

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Based on the analytical results, the U.S. EPA's OSC then provided some of the residents with

point of use carbon filters.

In addition to the current groundwater contamination, U.S. EPA and IDEM are also concerned

about potential vapor intrusion into the residences of the area.

2.1 DESCRIPTION OF INVESTIGATION LOCATIONS

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me what this next section is going to discuss in a few sentences.

2.1.1 Walerko Tool & Engineering

Walerko Tool & Engineering (Walerko) is a registered ISO9002 tool and engineering company.

Walerko commenced business operations in 1952 and is engaged in manufacturing machining,

tool and die work at its plant located at 1935 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. Walerko

used the cleaning solvent TCA as a parts cleaner in its manufacturing process. Periodically,

when the tanks and smaller containers of solvent became dirty, Walerko employees disposed of

the spent solvent outside of the facility onto the ground, and then refilled the containers with

fresh solvent. In 1987, the drinking water well located at Walerko indicated the presence of TCA

at a concentration of 660 ppb and TCE at a concentration of 38 ppb. In 2007, an inspection

along the eastern sector of the facility revealed dark oil stained soils beneath several dumpsters

containing scrap metal. EPA identified Walerko as liable for the groundwater contamination

around Lusher Street. On September 24, 1993, U.S. EPA filed a Cost Recovery Consent Decree

with Walerko. The consent decree included a complaint pursuant to Sections 104(e) and 107 of

the CERCLA, 42 U.S.C Sections 9604(e) and 9607, and Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C.

Section 6927. The United States was seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred by U.S.

EPA and the DOJ for response actions in connection with the release or threatened release of

hazardous substances, including 1,1,1-TCA and TCE, at the Lusher Street Site in Elkhart,

Indiana, and civil penalties for Walerko's failure to timely respond to EPA's information

requests dated March 26, 1990. On July 20, 1993, Walerko agreed to enter into the consent

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decree provided a settlement schedule for payment of past costs \$125,330 and a civil penalty

\$19,670.

2.1.2 Flexible Foam Products

Flexible Foam Products is located at 1900 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. The company

was originally known as Indiana Foam. The company appears to be a subsidiary of Ohio

Decorative Products, Inc. since 1971. The company currently manufactures polyurethane foam

and is a supplier of foam and foam products for residential and commercial applications. Toluene

diisocyanate is used to manufacture the foam. Other substances used at the facility include

carbon dioxide (which replaced methylene chloride), colorants, fire retardants, ethyl acetone

naphtha, tin, and Poly All, which is supplied by Bayer. It would appear that 1,1,1-TCA was also

used at the facility in 1991 as exhibited by Flexible Foam Products U.S EPA Toxics Release

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2.1.3 Gaska Tape

Gaska Tape (Gaska) is located at 1810 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. This company is a

poly vinyl chloride (PVC) foam manufacturer. The company began operations in 1965. Gaska

Tape is a manufacturer of closed-cell foams and adhesive tapes (PVC Foam, Polyester Foam and

Gaska Hi Bond® Adhesive Tapes). TCE had been used at the site as a support solvent for

suspending silicone as a release coating agent. The company also uses oil base plasticizers in its

manufacturing processes. The company utilizes the services of D&B Environmental Services to

dispose of its waste material. The facility was formerly a RCRA large quantity generator of

hazardous waste but is now a small quantity generator. The facility uses a regenerative thermo

oxidizer that burns VOCs before they go into the air. A dry pond is located in a wooded area

north of the plant building and captures any runoff from the facility. This pond is not lined.

2.1.4 Action Auto Salvage

Action Auto Salvage, located at 1750 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana, accepts salvageable

vehicles and sells them for parts. At times the facility sells the entire vehicle to scrap yards. The

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and

company started operations three years ago. Other businesses that occupied the property prior to

Action Auto Salvage include Fidler Concrete Company, BFI Waste Management, First Step

Finance, and an automotive repair shop. Substances currently used on site include antifreeze and

hydraulic oil (15-40 Shell Rotela). A company representative stated that no degreasers or

cleaners are used at the facility. During the entire investigation, this property was closed.

2.1.5 Facility at 1706 W. Lusher Avenue

The facility at 1706 W. Lusher Avenue appears to be vacant and there is no information on file

for this facility at this time. According to EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), this facility

operated under the name CRA GEN, Inc. Woodtek Division as a wood kitchen cabinet and

countertop manufacturer.

(See http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/tris\_control.tris\_print?tris\_id=46517WDTKN1706W

Appendix A).

2.1.6 Atlas Chemical Milling

Atlas Chemical Milling is a division of Atlas Die and specializes in flexible dies for

reciprocating or rotary application for hundreds of companies in a number of industries. The

company is located at 1627 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. Atlas Chemical Milling

etches steel for labels and boxes. Dies are manufactured to cut out various materials for

converters, which make paper into different types of products. The finished steel is cleaned,

laminated, etched, and coated. Silver halide is applied to produce specified images on the steel.

Chemicals used in the process include acetone base paint, toluene, and acids. Hazardous wastes

are handled by Dynecol (part of PVS Chemical in Detroit), and Univar, based in Chicago. The

company also utilizes its own water treatment facility, which treats all water before it discharges

it to the municipal waste water treatment plants. It should be noted that large crevasses were

observed in the floor in parts of the plant building as a result of acids leaking from vats. Drinking

water is supplied by the city municipal water system. The company has several onsite monitoring

wells.

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2.1.7 Holland Metal Fabricating Company

The Holland Manufacturing Fabricating Company is a steel manufacturer for the mobile home

industry, located on 1550 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. The company has been in

business for over 10 years. This facility produces frames, cross members, and front ends. Bed

rails for pickup trucks are also manufactured at this location. The company utilizes the services

of Michiana Industrial Lubricants to change out spent oils within their machines. Municipal

water is used at the facility for drinking water. The facility utilizes a septic system. Only soaps

are used in its operations. A site representative indicated that no solvents are used in their

processes.

2.1.8 Colbert Packaging

Colbert Packaging is a cardboard manufacturing company that prints and folds cartons for

various products. The company is located at 1511 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. Other

services the company performs include structural design and CAD/CAM sample making, full

prepress, in-house sheeting, printing, die making, die cutting, gluing and windowing.

Approximately 30% of the boxes are manufactured for the food industry, 50% for hardware, and

20% for miscellaneous goods (ie. computer software.). The facility uses 1,2,4 trimethyl benzene

and 1,3,5 trimethylbenze based solvents to clean the ink on the rockers. Isopropanol anhydrous

and some oils are also used in the manufacturing process. The company utilizes a backhouse dust

collector to capture paper dust. Waste is handled by HIMCO and D&B Environmental. This

company has been at this location for the past 25 years. The company uses the municipal water

system for drinking water.

2.1.9 The Sturgis Metal (aka Elkhart Metal)

The Sturgis Metal (aka Elkhart Metal) is a metal recycling facility located at 1514 W. Lusher

Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. The facility accepts and purchases scrap ferrous and nonferrous

metal. The facility utilizes hydraulic oils, diesel fuel, antifreeze, transmission fluid, and solvents

for a parts washer. Most of these fluids are stored in the maintenance building. All generated

waste is handled by Safety Clean. In 2006, soil samples were collected by IDEM's Enforcement

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Section at the Sturgis Metals facility to address some citizen complaints. Analysis of the soil

revealed cis 1, 2 - DCE at an estimated 1.6J microgram per kilogram (ug/kg) and PCE in an

autofluff sample was estimated at 170J ug/kg.

2.1.10 Bristol Auto Parts West

Bristol Auto Parts West primarily sells automotive parts and accessories. The company is

located at 1422 W. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. There is no use of solvents or cleaners at

this business, which has been at this location for the past 28 years. This business operated a small

machine shop more than 18 years ago. The site representative had stated that the Auto Trade

Center was formerly located adjacent and to the east of their property approximately five or six

years ago. Oil and antifreeze were observed to have been dumped on the ground at that facility.

This facility appeared to be vacant at the time of investigation and was not investigated due to

access problems.

2.1.11 Cullip Industries, Inc.

Cullip Industries, Inc. was founded in 1959 as a small tool die job shop as was known as Cullip

Tool & Die Inc. Cullip Industries, Inc. is located at 1900 Fieldhouse Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana.

In 1982, the company invested in CNC equipment. The machining side of the business grew to

the point that in 1990 a machining division was started. The company served the following

industries with stamping dies: transportation, construction, towing, seating, recreational vehicle,

and security. The company also specializes in blanking, pierce and cutoff, and progressive dies.

Water soluble cutting oil (including HocutV4000) and vegetable base coolants are used in the

machinery process. No degreasers are used. The company uses Amosol for cleaning purposes

and also uses a parts washer. Wastes are handled by Usher Oil (formerly Berreth Oil) based out

of Detroit, Michigan. The municipal water system supplies drinking water to the facility.

2.1.12 B-D Industries, Inc.

B-D Industries, Inc. is located at 1715 Fieldhouse Avenue in Elkhart, Indiana. The company was

founded in 1979 and processes metal castings for the aerospace industry. The types of castings

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that the company works on include landing gears, brake parts, and other parts for 747s, 737s, and

other airplanes. Parts are cleaned and put in tanks of sulfuric acid as part of a plating/anodizing

process (as the company representative stated: the company changes the molecular structure of

aluminum to aluminum oxide for corrosion protection). Sulfuric acid, nitric acid, sodium

hydroxide, hydrogen chloride (HCl), methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), and TCE are liquids that the

company utilizes in their processing. The company also uses some hydraulic oils. All of the

hazardous wastes are removed from the facility's property by Safety Clean twice a year.

2.1.13 Elkhart Plating

There is no information in site filesfor the facility at 1913 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street. According to Elkhart

Plating's website, this facility is a zinc plating facility that was established in 1919 and has been

operated at this current location since 1955. The services this facility provides include zinc

electroplating, alkaline non-cyanide barrel and rack zinc plating, applying blue(clear) trivalent,

yellow and black chromate conversion coating, cleaning and pickling, zinc stripping, baking for

hydrogen embrittlement relief, and bright-dip brass. (See http://www.elkhartplating.com/ and

Appendix A.)

2.1.14 Zurn Facility

There is no information in site files for the facility at 1900 West Hively Avenue and START was

unable to interview representatives of the company during site visits. Zurn manufactures

plumbing products and accessories. According to the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce, the

facility in Elkhart manufactures polyethylene tubing. (See <a href="http://www.zurnpex.com/">http://www.zurnpex.com/</a> and

http://www.elkhart.org/business\_directory.php?alpha=z and Appendix A.)

2.1.15 Adorn Facility

There is no information on file for the facility at 1808 West Hively Avenue. Adorn was founded

in 1986 as a facility that manufactures interior components for recreational vehicles (RVs) and

manufactured housing. This includes laminated wall paneling and cabinet doors and laminated

products and slotwall for the industrial market, furniture, kitchen cabinets, and store fixture

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applications. This facility was acquired by Patrick Industries, Inc. in 2007. (See

http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?ID=22723 and Appendix A.). You did not

mention use of any chemicals. Please make some statement here.

2.1.16 Forest River, Inc.

Forest River, Inc. is a manufacturer of Class A diesel motor homes. The company is located at

1800 West Hively Avenue and has been at this location since 2003. The chassis, engines, and

transmissions are purchased and Forest River, Inc. installs the floors, walls, ceilings, and all

furnishings (which includes installing fiberglass laminates, electrical wiring, and appliances).

Some aluminum welding is performed in this process. The company applies adhesives and

carpeting, and conducts some painting activities. Waste from the company operations includes

paint solvents, antifreeze, and oils. All wastes are handled by D&B Environmental. No

chlorinated solvents are used. Skyline Mobile Home, Inc. operated on the property prior to

Forest River Inc.'s current operations.

2.1.17 Conrail Right of Way

There is no information on file for the Conrail right-of-way area. The Conrail railyard to the

west of the sampling locations began as New York Central Railroad in 1956. In 1976, Conrail

took over the management of the Elkhart Yard. According to EPA ID#IND000715490 National

Priorities List (NPL) fact sheet, the railyard is a Superfund site with TCE and carbon

tetrachloride (CCl<sub>4</sub>) in a groundwater plume migrating northwest of the railyard and TCE in a

groundwater plume migrating north of the railyard. (See

http://www.epa.gov/R5Super/npl/indiana/IND000715490.htm and Appendix A.) This site is

located to the west of the sampling area. Only partial investigation was completed at this site

during this investigation due to the presence of significant utilities on the north side of the

railroad track.

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2.1.18 Dump North of Conrail Right-Of-Way

There is no information on file for the dump north of Conrail-right-of-way area. This location

was not investigated during this investigation because the actual location was not determined.

2.1.19 WeVac Plastics

WeVac Plastics was founded in 1989 to service the RV industry. The company is located at 2401

South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Elkhart, Indiana. Since its inception, WeVac Plastics has provided custom

thermoforming, silk-screening, secondary assembly, five axis CNC trimming and much more.

The company has its own in-house tooling shop, product development department, and pattern

cutting five axis CNC. Materials that WeVac Plastics handles are ABS, high density

polytetrafluoroethylene, high impact polystyrene, polycarbonate, and laminated foils, (i.e.

brushed aluminum, marble, wood grain). The company uses a two epoxy glue that contains MEK

and acetone. No chlorinated solvents are used. The company utilizes the city municipal water

system for drinking water. It should be noted that company staff had just extinguished a fire prior

to the inspection. This facility was not investigated during the site activities due to access

problems.

2.1.20 K.G. Gemeinhardt Company, Inc.

K.G. Gemeinhardt Company, Inc. (Gemeinhardt) and its predecessors owned and operated

manufacturing facilities on a three-acre site at 57882 State Route 19. Gemeinhardt is located on

Route 19 in Elkhart, Indiana approximately 0.75 miles south of Lusher Avenue. Gemeinhardt

manufactures musical instruments. In the process of manufacturing these instruments,

Gemeinhardt uses 1,1,1-TCA, TCE, and PCE. In 1985, Gemeinhardt agreed to an interim

remedial action, whereby Gemeinhardt would conduct an investigation sufficient to fully

characterize the sources and extent of groundwater identified to the north-north-west of the

facility. While conducting an extent of contamination study at Gemeinhardt under the terms of

the 1985 Consent Order with the U.S. EPA, VOCs were detected in private drinking water wells

in an area immediately south of Lusher Avenue. At the time of this investigation, Gemeinhardt

believed that the contamination in this area was independent of the Gemeinhardt groundwater

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plume. Historically, high levels of chlorinated solvents had been used at the Gemeinhardt facility. The chlorinated solvents detected in the drinking water wells include primarily TCE and PCE. Gemeinhardt produced process waste streams, which were disposed of on the facility. The process wastes drained to various sumps that pump the wastes to several dry wells, to a gravel seepage bed, or to a septic tank at the facility. These wastes were then allowed to seep into the ground and the shallow underlying aquifer. Records state that Gemeinhardt produced approximately 2,500 gallons of wastewater per operating day and were pumped to the various seepage systems. Sometime prior to December 25, 1984, Gemeinhardt ceased all wastewater discharges to the dry wells and removed approximately 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the facility. As of January 8, 1985, Gemeinhardt contracted with the City of Elkhart to dispose of its wastewater at the Elkhart Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant. In 1988, Gemeinhardt completed a comprehensive hydrogeological study which found 1,1,1-TCA, TCE, and PCE in the groundwater at, and down-gradient of, Gemeinhardt and a plume containing these VOCs extending north-northwest from the Gemeinhardt plant. The hydrogeological report also found evidence of at least one other source of these VOCs unrelated to the Gemeinhardt facility. On January 23, 1990, U.S. EPA and IDEM issued an Administrative Order by Consent which required Gemeinhardt to undertake and complete certain response actions, including removal and treatment of groundwater, to prevent the migration of hazardous substances in groundwater, and to prevent exposure to groundwater containing hazardous substances. The recommended action consisted of installing three recovery wells and a treatment facility to remove and treat contaminated groundwater containing chlorinated VOCs.

A letter report written in 2008 summarizing the groundwater recovery and treatment system (Letter Report) at the Gemeinhardt site written by Cummings Riter Consultants Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvanis, has been included in Appendix B. Based on information in this Letter Report two well nests (Nest 3 and Nest 5) are located on the northern part of the Gemeinhardt site, refer to Figure 1 in the Letter Report. Monitoring well nests 6, 12, 7, 10, 18, 8, 11, and 17 are offsite down-gradient wells, located on adjacent property (??). Chorinated solvents (1,1,1 TCA, TCE and PCE) have been detected in one or more (site or offsite?) wells.

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This location was not investigated during this current site investigation due to access problems.

2.2 SITE SPECIFIC GEOLOGY

Based on the materials encountered from boring advanced during this investigation, the surface area of the investigative site consists of fill material (i.e. topsoil, gravel, and/or asphalt and sub-

base). The material underlying this fill material is primarily fine- to medium-grained sand with

occasional silty sand lenses. The sand tends to grade from medium-grained to coarse-grained

with depth across the investigation area. Groundwater was encountered at depths varying from

10 to 15 feet in most of the borings advanced during the investigation. The groundwater is

usually encountered in the coarse-grained layer of sand. The groundwater flow at the site is

northerly based on the Final HRS Documentation Record Package prepared as part of this site

investigation (is it included in this report as an attachment). Also based on the historical

information for Gemeinhardt property the groundwater flow is also northerly.

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3. FIELD INVESTIGATION

This section describes the field and laboratory activities carried out during the Site Assessment

(SA) at various properties within the Lusher Street Site. The field investigation was completed

in two rounds from April 2009 to May 2009 and in October 2009.

Soil-boring drilling and soil sampling;

• Groundwater sampling from temporary wells, existing monitoring wells and a municipal

well; and

Laboratory analysis.

The SA was conducted to identify the potential source(s) that may be contributing to chlorinated

solvents of interest to groundwater contamination within the Lusher Street Site. The SA field

investigation was performed in accordance with the U.S. EPA approved sampling and analysis

plan.

3.1 SOIL BORING ADVANCEMENT AND SAMPLING PROCEDURES

The soil investigation included advancing 76 soil borings at 14 different properties from April to

May 2009 and in October 2009. The investigation was conducted to characterize potential

sources and characterize subsurface geology.

The soil borings were advanced using a truck-mounted or track-mounted Geoprobe® capable of

entering multi-terrain areas as needed based on site conditions. The company Cabeno was

subcontracted to complete the soil borings for the soil investigation. The Geoprobe® advanced a

dual tube four- or five-foot-long, 1.5-inch-diameter Macro-Core® sampler equipped with a

clean, disposable acetate sleeve. After the removal of the Macro-Core® sampler from the

borehole, the sampler was opened on a clean surface (such as polyethylene sheeting) and the soil

within the acetate sleeve was visually screened. WESTON personnel screened each soil core

with a hand-held portable photo-ionization detector (PID) and logged the soil sample, noting

items such as sample recovery, lithology, moisture content, consistency, color, staining, odor, or

other observations. Soil borings were logged according to American Society for Testing and

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Materials (ASTM) method D2488. The lithology for each boring will be classified using the

Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The soil boring logs are provided in Appendix C,

which also include the PID monitoring results. Samples were collected immediately after the

acetate sleeve was opened and scanned with a PID in order to minimize the potential loss of

VOCs. Sample material from the undisturbed sampling interval was collected in two-ounce

glass jars and using five-gram Encore samplers. No mixing or compositing was performed on

the sample material, thereby limiting the loss of VOCs from the sample. Duplicate samples were

collected immediately after collection of the investigative sample from the same sampling

interval. A minimum of one sample was collected from each four- or five-foot boring interval

and placed on ice in a cooler after collection. Additional soil from the same interval was

collected and placed in a sealable plastic baggie (Ziploc® or equivalent). The plastic bag was

then placed in a warm area for at least 30 minutes prior to checking the head space with a PID.

The concentrations of VOCs in the head space were recorded on the field boring logs.

The boreholes were advanced until five-feet below the groundwater table or to approximately 20

feet below ground surface (bgs). Each borehole was drilled to a minimum depth of 20 feet bgs.

Soil borings were abandoned by injecting a bentonite grout into the borehole using tremmie

methods. Alternately, if the borehole did not significantly collapse, a granular bentonite was

used to abandon boreholes. At locations advanced through asphalt or concrete, the surface was

repaired using an appropriate hole patch.

A total of 246 soil samples were collected and submitted to the U.S. EPA contract laboratory

program (CLP) Laboratory for VOC and percent moisture analysis. Site-wide soil sampling

results are present in a figure provided in Appendix E.

3.2 GROUNDWATER SAMPLING FROM SOIL BORINGS AND EXISTING

MONITORING WELLS

A total of 73 grab groundwater samples were collected from 76 temporary PVC monitoring wells

installed during soil boring. A total of 11 groundwater samples were collected from 11 existing

monitoring wells. Samples were submitted to the EPA CLP Laboratory for VOC analysis.

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When saturated conditions were encountered in a soil boring, a grab groundwater sample was

collected from the saturated zone of the boring. To collect grab groundwater samples, a

temporary one-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) monitoring well was installed in the soil

boring across the saturated zone. A Geoprobe® (or equivalent) Screenpoint 15 or 16

groundwater sampler (bladder pump) and clean, disposable tubing were used to collect the grab

and existing monitoring well groundwater samples from the temporary wells. The rods were

pulled back to expose the screen to the water-bearing formation, allowing groundwater to enter

the rod string. A rigid tube was inserted through the rods to the bottom of the sampler and the

rod string/tube was purged for a minimum of two minutes The procedures summarized below

were used to collect the all the groundwater samples from temporary and existing monitoring

wells.

Prior to commencing with groundwater sampling activities, the water level and total depth for

each boring and temporary monitoring well was measured with an electrical sounding device

(accuracy  $\pm 0.01$  feet). The depth to water and the time of measurement were recorded. The

reference point for these depths was the top of the ground surface.

The boring and monitoring wells were developed at a flow rate between 150 and 300 milliliters

per minute (mL/min). The wells were purged at a flow rate between 100 and 150 ml/min during

sample collection and in an attempt to minimize drawdown.

Stabilization parameters, including pH, temperature, specific conductance, turbidity, dissolved

oxygen (DO) and oxidation reduction potential (ORP), were measured through a flow through

cell. Stabilization parameters were recorded by a WESTON field staff member at approximate

five-minute intervals. Based on the site geology and groundwater yield, purging was conducted

at each well until the field parameters stabilized or for five well volumes, whichever occurred

first. Stabilization was considered achieved when three consecutive readings to within the

following ranges: ±0.1 standard unit (s.u.) for pH, ±10 percent (%) for specific conductance, ±1

degrees Celsius (°C) for temperature, 10% for DO, 10% for ORP, and either 10% for turbidity or

less than 10 nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU).

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If insufficient groundwater was available and ran dry before the boring and/or temporary

monitoring well could fill up the flow through cell, the boring and/or monitoring well was

allowed to recharge for 15 minutes and then was pumped dry again and allowed to recharge

before sampling.

Samples were collected directly from the pump tubing after purging was completed. Samples

were analyzed for VOCs. All samples were collected unfiltered.

Volatile organic analyte (VOA) sample bottles were filled at an angle in order to limit splashing

and bubbling. The VOA sample bottles were pre-preserved by the manufacturer with

hydrochloric acid before collection of the sample. The VOA sample bottles were filled such that

no air space was present in the bottle after it was capped. If bubbles appeared after the bottle

was capped, a new sample was collected using a new, preserved VOA container to collect the

sample. If bubbles persist, an unpreserved sample was collected (the field sample manager noted

the absence of the preservative on the sample paperwork and in the field logbook).

Samples were maintained on ice after sample collection.

The dates and stabilization readings of temporary and existing monitoring well development and

sampling are shown on the groundwater collection logs provided in Appendix C. Site-wide

groundwater sampling results are present in a figure provided in Appendix E.

3.2.1 Temporary Piezometer Installation

A total of five soil borings were converted into temporary piezometer to determine groundwater

flow direction. The proposed soil borings that were converted into piezometers are shown on

Figure 4-1 through 4-28 and labeled as TMW0#.

The wells were constructed of 1.5-inch-diameter PVC piping with a 10-foot-long, 0.010-inch

slotted screen. The well materials were lowered to the appropriate depth through the drill casing,

depending on the type of drill rig used.

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Each well was completed with a flush-mount cover with a locking cap. These protective covers

were set in a concrete apron at each monitoring well location. Locks were provided for each

flush-mount cover or casing.

Groundwater samples were collected from these temporary piezometers using the same

procedure as the grab groundwater samples.

3.3SAMPLING AT EACH PROPERTY

3.3.1 Investigation at the Walerko Tool Facility (1935 W. Lusher Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC01-SB01 through LGC01-SB05) were completed at the Walerko facility.

All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. One existing monitoring well was

found onsite. A total of 16 soil samples and six groundwater samples were collected and

submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.2 Investigation at the Flexible Foam Facility (1900 W. Lusher Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC02-SB01 through LGC02-SB05) were completed at the Flexible Foam

facility. All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 15 soil samples

and five groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®, except sample SB05 which was collected with??.

3.3.3 Investigation at the Gaska Facility (1810 W. Lusher Avenue)

Six soil borings (LGC03-SB01 through LGC03-SB06) were completed at the Gaska facility. All

six soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 17 soil samples and six

groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

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3.3.4 Investigation at the Action Auto Salvage Facility (1750 W. Lusher Avenue)

EPA was unable to reach an agreement for access with the Action Auto Salvage facility at the

time of the sampling investigation; therefore, no soil or groundwater samples were collected at

this facility.

3.3.5 Investigation at the Vacant Facility (1706 W. Lusher Avenue)

U.S. EPA was unable to reach an agreement for access with the facility at the time of the

sampling investigation; therefore, no soil or groundwater samples were collected at this facility.

3.3.6 Investigation at the ATLAS Chemical Milling Facility (1627 W. Lusher

Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC06-SB01 through LGC06-SB05) were completed at the Atlas Chemical

Milling facility. Four of the five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. LGC06-

SB03 could not be converted into a temporary well due to heaving sand. Three existing

monitoring wells were found onsite. A total of 13 soil samples and seven groundwater samples

were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were collected with a truck-

mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.7 Investigation at the Holland Metal Fabricating Company Facility (1550 W.

**Lusher Avenue)** 

Five soil borings (LGC07-SB01 through LGC07-SB05) were completed at the Holland Metal

Fabricating Company facility. All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total

of 19 soil samples and five groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis.

All samples were collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.8 Investigation at the Colbert Packaging Facility (1511 W. Lusher Avenue)

Six soil borings (LGC08-SB01 through LGC08-SB06) were completed at this facility. All six

soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 14 soil samples and six

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groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a track-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.9 Investigation at the Sturgis Metal Facility (1514 W. Lusher Avenue and 1819

14th Street)

Twelve soil borings (LGC09-SB01 through LGC09-SB12) were completed at this facility. Ten

of the twelve soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 18 existing

monitoring wells were located on the site, but groundwater was only collected from seven of

those existing wells. A total of 45 soil samples and 17 groundwater samples were collected and

submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.10 Investigation at the Bristol Auto Parts West Facility (1422 W. Lusher

Avenue)

U.S. EPA was unable to reach an agreement for access with the Bristol Auto Part West facility at

the time of the sampling investigation; therefore, no soil or groundwater samples were collected

at this facility.

3.3.11 Investigation at the Cullip Industries, Inc. Facility (1900 Fieldhouse Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC11-SB01 through LGC11-SB05) were completed at this facility. All five

soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 14 soil samples and five

groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.12 Investigation at the B-D Industries, Inc. Facility (1715 Fieldhouse Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC12-SB01 through LGC12-SB05) were completed at the B-D Industries,

Inc., facility. All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of fifteen soil

samples and five groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All

samples will be collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

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3.3.13 Investigation at the Elkhart Plating Facility (1913 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street)

Five soil borings (LGC13-SB01 through LGC13-SB05) were completed at the Elkhart Plating

facility. All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 19 soil samples

and five groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.14 Investigation at the Zurn Facility (1900 West Hively Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC14-SB01 through LGC14-SB05) were completed at the Zurn facility. All

five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 16 soil samples and five

groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.15 Investigation at the Adorn Facility (1808 West Hively Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC15-SB01 through LGC15-SB05) were completed at the Adorn facility.

All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 17 soil samples and five

groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.16 Investigation at the Forest River, Inc. Facility (1800 West Hively Avenue)

Five soil borings (LGC16-SB01 through LGC16-SB05) were completed at the Forest River, Inc.

facility. All five soil borings were converted into temporary wells. A total of 20 soil samples

and five groundwater samples were collected and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were

collected with a truck-mounted Geoprobe®.

3.3.17 Investigation along the Conrail Right-of-Way

Two soil borings (LGC17-SB01 and LGC17-SB02) out of four soil borings planned for this area

were completed at the Conrail Right-of-Way property. Both of the soil borings were converted

into temporary wells. A total of six soil samples and two groundwater samples were collected

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and submitted for VOC analysis. All samples were collected with a track-mounted Geoprobe®.

Due to the presence of significant utilities north of the railroad tracks, two borings planned on

this property were not completed.

3.3.18 Dump North of Conrail Right-of-Way

This dump was not located and, therefore, this property was not investigated during his

investigation. No soil or groundwater samples were collected at this facility.

3.3.19 WeVac Plastics

U.S. EPA was unable to reach an agreement for access with WeVac Plastics at the time of the

sampling investigation; therefore, no soil or groundwater samples were collected at this facility.

3.3.20 K.G. Gemeinhardt Company, Inc.

U.S. EPA was unable to reach an agreement for access to the Gemeinhardt facility at the time of

the sampling investigation; therefore, no soil or groundwater samples were collected at this

facility. Information from the Letter Report 2008 - Groundwater Recovery and Treatment

System was utilized to assess this site. The letter report is provided in Appendix B.

3.4SAMPLE NUMBERING SYSTEM

All samples collected for analytical testing, including quality control (QC) samples, were given a

unique sample number. The sample numbers were recorded in the field logbook, the chain-of-

custody (COC), and on the shipping documents.

WESTON assigned each sample a project sample number, which highlights the sample matrix

and location. The project sample numbering system was composed of the following

components:

**Project Identifier** 

The first part of the project sample number consists of a three-character designation.

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## LGC01 – Lusher Avenue Facility 01

## Facility Codes are provided below:

- 01 Waterko Tool & Engineering
- 02 Flexible Foam Products
- 03 Gaska Tape
- 04 Action Auto Salvage
- 05 Vacant Property at 1706 W. Lusher Avenue
- 06 Atlas Chemical Milling
- 07 Holland Metal Fabricating Company
- 08 Colbert Packaging
- 09 Sturgis Metal (aka Elkhart Metal)
- 10 Bristol Auto Parts West
- 11 Cullip Industries, Inc.
- 12 B-D Industries, Inc.
- 13 Elkhart Plating
- 14 Zurn Facility
- 15 Adorn Facility
- 16 Forest River, Inc.
- 17 Conrail Right-of Way
- 18 Dump North of Conrail Right-of-Way
- 19 WeVac Plastics
- 20 K.G. Gemeinhardt Company, Inc.

#### **Sample Type and Sampling Location**

Sample type and sampling location are identified by a two-character, sample-type code. For the proposed types of field sampling, the following codes were utilized during this phase or subsequent investigation phases, as applicable:

SB – Soil boring subsurface soil sample

GW – Groundwater sample

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MW – Monitoring well

TMW – Temporary monitoring well

A sample location code. The above sample-type code was combined with sampling location

identification (e.g., SB02 for subsurface soil sampling location 2, and GW02 for groundwater

sampling location 2). For field blanks and trip blanks, the two-character, sample-type code was

combined with FB for field blanks and TB for trip blanks (e.g., GWTB for a groundwater trip

blank).

**Sequence Identifier** 

The sequence identifier consists of the following:

A two-digit sequence number that tracks the number of samples collected from a specific

location. Sequence 01 refers to the first sample interval, and sequence 02 refers to the second

sample interval. Sample depths are not a part of the sample code; rather, depth information was

recorded in the site field logbook and presented with the analytical results.

If the sample was a field duplicate sample, the above sequence number was combined with DP.

If the sample was a matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate sample, the above was combined with

MSD.

For field and trip blanks, the two-digit sequence number denoted the sequential number of field

or trip blank samples collected for that sample type.

Field duplicate samples were submitted without reference to the laboratory (i.e., the laboratory

was informed that the sample was duplicate).

Some examples of the WESTON project sample numbering system are as follows:

LGC-SB02-01DP – Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site; soil boring location 2;

duplicate of first soil sample collected at this location.

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LGC-GW03-01 – Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site; groundwater sample from soil

boring location 3; first groundwater sample at this location.

LGC-TMW02-01 – Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site; groundwater sample from

temporary monitoring well location 2; first groundwater sample at this location.

LGC-GW01-01MSD - Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination Site; groundwater sample

from soil boring location 1; first sample collected at this location; sample is a matrix

spike/matrix spike duplicate sample.

3.5 CLP SAMPLE NUMBERING SYSTEM

The CLP sample numbers are unique numbers that are assigned to each sample and are generated

by the FORMS II Lite software. The CLP sample numbers enable the CLP Sample Management

Office and Central Regional Laboratory (CRL) to track samples through their systems. The CLP

numbers are placed on the outsides of the sample containers, and the numbers are used on all

sample documentation (for example, chain-of-custody forms and sample tags). The CLP sample

numbers correlate to the WESTON project sample numbers and, therefore, identify where each

sample was collected.

3.6 DATA VALIDATION

The U.S. EPA Region V Environmental Services Assistance Team (ESAT) performed data

validation prior to data receipt by WESTON. The resulting data validation qualifiers were

provided electronically to WESTON in the Electroni Data Deliverables (EDDs). WESTON

performed a compliance check on all data.

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4. INVESTIGATION RESULTS

This section presents the results of soil and groundwater sampling data collected during the field

investigation. All soil samples were collected using standard operating procedures (SOPs) and

were analyzed for VOCs using CLP Target Compound List (TCL) Volatiles using CLP

S0M01.2 (5035 extraction) method. Groundwater samples were analyzed for CLP TCL Trace

Volatiles using CLP S0M01.2 (trace level) method. Soil and groundwater samples collected

during April and May 2009 were sent to CLP laboratory KAP Technologies, Inc. in The

Woodlands, Texas. Soil and groundwater samples collected during October 2009 were sent to

CLP laboratory TestAmerica Laboratories in South Burlington, Vermont. The analytical results

are provided in Appendix D.

4.1 WALERKO TOOL FACILITY (1935 LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected sixteen soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1935 W. Lusher

Avenue property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was

installed and a groundwater sample was collected. One groundwater sample was also collected

from an existing monitoring well at this property. The sample locations are shown on Figures 1

and 2.

4.1.1 Soil Samples

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples collected from this property.

Other VOCs detected in soil samples includes chloroform, methylene chloride and acetone. The

soil sample results are provided in Table 4-1 and Figure 1.

4.1.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW05 is considered

to be an up-gradient location; groundwater samples GW01 and GW04 are considered to be side-

gradient sample locations; and groundwater samples MW01, GW02 and GW03 are considered to

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be down-gradient sample locations. The groundwater sample results are provided in Table 4-2

and Figure 2.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in up-gradient groundwater sample GW05 include

1,1,1-TCA (0.78 µg/L) and PCE (4.7 µg/L). Other VOCs were not detected in the up-gradient

groundwater samples.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side gradient and down-gradient groundwater

sample are summarized below:

• 1,1,1-TCA (15 μg/L), and PCE (29 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW01;

• 1,1,1-TCA (2.8  $\mu$ g/L); cis-1,2-DCE (2.6  $\mu$ g/L); PCE (40  $\mu$ g/L); and TCE (1.2  $\mu$ g/L) were

detected in groundwater sample GW02;

• 1,1,1-TCA (1.3  $\mu$ g/L) and PCE (0.39 J  $\mu$ g/L) were detected in groundwater sample

GW03;

• TCE (0.28 J µg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW04; and

• 1,1,1-TCA (8.6 μg/L) was detected groundwater sample MW01.

Additionally, toluene and chloromethane were detected in the groundwater samples.

4.1.3 Summary

This property may be contributing chlorinated solvent of interest to groundwater because

compared to the up-gradient groundwater sample, the chlorinate solvents of interest detected in

down-gradient and side-gradient samples are at higher concentrations. Also there is a possibility

for a groundwater contamination source to be present west and south of GW01. PCE in

groundwater samples GW01 and GW02 have exceeded the MCL of 5 µg/L.

4.2 FLEXIBLE FOAM FACILITY (1900 LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 15 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1900 W. Lusher Avenue

property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 3 and 4.

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4.2.1 Soil Samples

TCE (3.4 J µg/kg) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in soil samples collected

from soil boring SB04.

Other VOCs detected in soil samples included acetone, carbon disulfide and toluene. The soil

sample results are summarized in Table 4-3 and Figure 3.

4.2.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample TMW05 is

considered to be an up-gradient location; groundwater samples GW01 and GW04 are considered

to be side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW02 and GW03 are considered to be

down-gradient locations at this property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in

Table 4-4 and Figure 4.

1,1,1-TCA (4.5 µg/L) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in up-gradient

groundwater sample TMW05. Other VOCs detected in up-gradient groundwater sample

TMW05 include toluene and trichlorofluoromethane.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

samples are summarized below:

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.55 µg/L), and PCE (0.4 J µg/L) were detected in groundwater sample

GW01;

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.42 J  $\mu$ g/L), PCE (3  $\mu$ g/L), and TCE (0.48 J  $\mu$ g/L) were detected in

groundwater sample GW03; and

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.38 J  $\mu$ g/Ll), PCE (1.7  $\mu$ g/Ll), and TCE at (6.7  $\mu$ g/L) were detected in

groundwater sample GW04.

Additionally benzene, toluene trichlorofluoromethane and chloroform were detected in down-

gradient groundwater samples.

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4.2.3 Summary

An increase in concentrations of chlorinated solvents of interest in side-gradient and down-

gradient groundwater samples suggests that this property may be contributing chlorinated

solvents of interest to the groundwater. Also there is a possibility that contamination may be

coming from an up-gradient source. TCE in groundwater sample GW04 has exceeded the MCL

of 5  $\mu$ g/L.

4.3 GASKA FACILITY (1810 LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 17 soil samples from six soil boring locations at the 1810 W. Lusher Avenue

property. At each of the six soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed and

a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 5 and 6.

4.3.1 Soil Samples

PCE (8.1 and 550 µg/kg) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in soil boring

SB02. Other VOCs detected in soil samples include acetone and chloroform. The soil sample

results are summarized in Table 4-5 and Figure 5.

4.3.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW01 is considered

to be an up-gradient location; groundwater samples GW02 and GW06 are considered to beside-

gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW03, GW04, and GW05 are considered to be

down-gradient locations for this property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in

Table 4-6 and Figure 6.

The chlorinated solvent of interest detected in up-gradient groundwater sample GW01 includes

PCE (0.25 J ug/L). Other VOCs detected in up-gradient samples include benzene and toluene.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

sample are summarized below:

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• 1,1,1-TCA (1.3 μg/L), cis-1,2-DCE (0.47 J μg/L), PCE (65 μg/L), and TCE (18 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW02;

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.39 J μg/L) and TCE (1.8 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample

CW02.

GW03;

• 1,1,1-TCA (2.4 μg/L) and TCE (0.58 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW04;

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.21 J  $\mu g/L),$  , PCE(0.21 J  $\mu g/L),$  and TCE (0.6  $\mu g/L)$  were detected in

groundwater sample GW05; and

• PCE  $(1.2 \mu g/L)$  was detected in groundwater sample GW06.

Other VOCs, including chloroform, benzene, methylcyclohexane and toluene were detected in

down-gradient groundwater samples.

4.3.3 Summary

PCE was detected in soil sample collected on this property and, compared to the up-gradient

groundwater sample, an increase in concentrations of chlorinated solvents of interest were

observed in side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples, which suggests that there is

most likely a source of chlorinated solvent present on this property. PCE and TCE in

groundwater sample GW02 have exceeded the MCL of 5 µg/L.

4.4ATLAS CHEMICAL MILLING FACILITY (1627 W. LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 13 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1627 W. Lusher Avenue

property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. Three groundwater samples were also collected from

three existing monitoring wells. The sample locations are shown on Figures 7 and 8.

4.4.1 Soil Samples

TCE (1.7 J µg/kg) was the only chlorinated solvent detected in soil boring SB05. Other VOCs

detected in soil samples include toluene (4.6 J µg/kg). The soil sample results are summarized in

Table 4-7 and Figure 7.

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4.4.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, groundwater samples MW03 and GW04 are

considered to be up-gradient locations for this property; groundwater samples MW01, GW02,

and GW05 are considered to be side-gradient locations; groundwater samples GW01, and

MW02 were collected from the down-gradient soil boring locations at this property. The

groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-8 and Figure 8.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in up-gradient groundwater samples MW03 and

GW04 include 1,1,1-TCA (0.48 J and 3.5 µg/L), TCE (1.6 and 5.1 µg/L), and PCE (0.61 µg/L).

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side gradient and down-gradient groundwater

sample are summarized below:

• PCE (1.3 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW02;

• 1,1,1-TCA (3.3 μg/L), and TCE (1.8 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW05;

and

• 1,1,1-TCA (7.2 μg/L), PCE (0.67 μg/L) and TCE (3.9 μg/L) were detected groundwater

sample MW01.

Other VOCs, including acetone, benzene, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, toluene,

bromodichloromethane, chloroform and xylenes were detected in down-gradient groundwater

samples.

4.4.3 Summary

Since the concentration of 1,1,1-TCA in down-gradient groundwater sample is higher compared

to up-gradient groundwater sample there may be a chlorinated solvent source at this property.

TCE in groundwater sample GW04 has exceeded the MCL of 5  $\mu$ g/L.

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4.5 HOLLAND METAL FABRICATING FACILITY (1550 W. LUSHER AVENUE

PROPERTY)

START collected 19 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1550 W. Lusher Avenue

property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 9 and 10.

4.5.1 Soil Samples

1,1,1-TCA (6.9 J µg/kg) and PCE (1.9 J to 20 J µg/kg) were detected in soil samples collected

from soil borings. Other VOCs detected in soil samples include chloroform, acetone, methylene

chloride, and toluene. The soil sample results are summarized in Table 4-9 and Figure 9

4.5.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW04 is considered

to be an up-gradient location for this property. Groundwater samples GW03 was collected from

the side-gradient location; groundwater sample GW01, GW02, and GW05 were collected from

the down-gradient locations for this property. The groundwater sample results are summarized

in Table 4-10 and Figure 10.

Chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in up-gradient groundwater sample GW04.

• 1,1,1-TCA (4.4 μg/L), PCE (34 μg/L) and TCE (0.84 μg/L) were detected in one down-

gradient groundwater sample GW05.

4.5.3 Source of Contamination

Since chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples and in one down-gradient

groundwater sample on this property it is likely that there is a chlorinated solvent source on this

property. PCE in groundwater sample GW05 has exceeded the MCL of 5 µg/L.

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4.6 COLBERT PACKAGING FACILITY (1511 W. LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 14 soil samples from six soil boring locations at the 1511 W. Lusher Avenue

property. At each of the six soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed and

a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 11 and 12.

4.6.1 Soil Samples

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the soil samples collected at this property.

Acetone was the only other VOC detected at this property. The soil sample results are

summarized in Table 4-11 and Figure 11.

4.6.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater samples GW02 and GW03

are considered to be up-gradient locations for this property; groundwater sample GW01 and

GW04 are considered to be side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW05 and GW06

are considered to be down-gradient locations of this property. The groundwater sample results

are summarized in Table 4-12 and Figure 12.

Chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in up-gradient groundwater samples collected

on this property. Benzene and toluene were other VOCs detected in up-gradient groundwater

samples.

Chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in down-gradient groundwater samples

collected on this property. Benzene, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane and toluene were other

VOCs detected in down-gradient groundwater samples.

4.6.3 Summary

Chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in the soil or groundwater samples collected on

this property, therefore, this property likely is not a source of chlorinated solvents in the

groundwater.

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4.7 STURGIS FACILITY (1819 SOUTH 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROPERTY)

START collected 45 soil samples from 11 soil boring locations at the 1819 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street

property. At each of the 11 soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed and

a groundwater sample was collected. Groundwater samples were also collected from seven

existing monitoring wells throughout the property. The sample locations are shown on Figures

13 and 14

4.7.1 Soil Samples

1,1,1, TCA (2.6 J to 930 μg/kg), PCE (4.5 J μg/kg), TCE (27 to 160 μg/kg), cis-1,2-DCE (3.3 J

to 430 µg/kg), and trans-1,2-DCE (5.8 J to 14 µg/kg) were detected in soil samples collected

from various soil borings installed at the site. Other VOCs detected in soil sample include 1,1-

dichloroethane (1,1-DCA), 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE), chloroform, acetone, methylene

chloride, benzene, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, xylenes, chloroethane, ethylbenzene,

isopropylbenzene, and methacyclohexane. The soil sample results are summarized in Table 4-13

and Figure 13.

4.7.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater samples GW10 and GW12

are considered to be up-gradient locations for this property; groundwater sample GW01, GW03

and GW09 are considered to be side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW05,

GW07, GW08, MW07 and MW09 are considered to be down-gradient locations of the property.

The groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-14 and Figure 14.

Chlorinated solvents of interest detected in up-gradient groundwater samples include 1,1-DCA

 $(1.5 \mu g/L)$ ; 1,1,1-TCA  $(27 \mu g/L)$  and TCE  $(0.58 \text{ to } 0.6 \mu g/L)$ .

Toluene was also detected in up-gradient groundwater sample GW12.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

sample are summarized below:

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- TCE (0.58 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW01;
- TCE (1.9 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW05;
- TCE (200 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample MW07;
- 1,1,1-TCA (1.9 μg/L), TCE (27 μg/L) and cis-1,2-DCE (1.3 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample MW09;
- 1,1,1-TCA (0.3 J μg/L), TCE (2.6 μg/L) and cis-1,2-DCE (3.4 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample TMW06;
- 1,1,1-TCA (44 μg/L), TCE (44 μg/L), vinyl chloride (7.1 μg/L) and cis-1,2-DCE (84 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW07;
- 1,1,1-TCA (2,700 μg/L), vinyl chloride (510 μg/L) and cis-1,2-DCE (5,900 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW08; and
- 1,1,1-TCA (65  $\mu$ g/L), TCE (34  $\mu$ g/L), and cis-1,2-DCE (1.7  $\mu$ g/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW09.

Additionally toluene, 2-hexanone, benzene, cyclohexane, acetone, ethylbenzene, isopropyl benzene, xylenes, and methylcyclohexane, were detected in down-gradient groundwater samples.

### 4.7.3 Summary

This property is likely contributing chlorinated solvents to groundwater because the chlorinated solvents were detected in the soil samples and were at significantly high concentrations in side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples when compared to up-gradient samples. The MCLs that were exceeded for chlorinated solvent of interest include 1,1,1-TCA, TCE, PCE, and vinyl chloride. The MCLs for 1,1,1-TCA, TCE, PCE, cis 1,2-DCE and vinyl chloride are 200  $\mu$ g/L,  $5 \mu$ g/L,  $70 \mu$ g/L and  $2 \mu$ g/L, respectively.

## 4.8 CULLIP INDUSTRIES FACILITY (1900 FIELDHOUSE AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 14 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1900 Fieldhouse Avenue property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 15 and 16.

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4.8.1 Soil Samples

Chlorinated solvents were not detected in soil samples collected at this property. Other VOCs

detected at this property include chloroform, toluene and methylene chloride. The soil sample

results are summarized in Table 4-15 and Figure 15.

4.8.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW05 is

considered to be an up-gradient location for this property; groundwater samples GW01, GW03,

and GW04 are considered to be side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW02 is

considered to be a down-gradient location of the property. The groundwater sample results are

summarized in Table 4-16 and Figure 16.

Chlorinated solvents and other VOCs were not detected in the up-gradient groundwater sample

GW05.

The chlorinated solvents detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples

are summarized below:

• TCE (0.31 J μg/L) was detected at low concentration in groundwater sample GW01; and

• 1,1,1-TCA (0.49 J μg/L) was detected at low concentration in groundwater sample

GW02.

Additionally, toluene and benzene were detected in down-gradient groundwater samples.

4.8.3 Summary

This property likely is not contributing chlorinated solvents to the groundwater because

chlorinated solvents were not detected in soil samples and were detected at very low

concentrations in down-gradient and side-gradient groundwater samples.

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4.9 B-D INDUSTRIES FACILITY (1715 FIELDHOUSE AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 15 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1715 Fieldhouse Avenue

property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 17 and 18.

4.9.1 Soil Samples

TCE (3.2 J to 6.5 ug/kg) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in the soil samples

collected on this property. Other VOCs detected in soil samples include chloroform, acetone,

bromomethane, toluene, and chlorobenzene. The soil sample results are summarized in Table 4-

17 and Figure 17

4.9.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, groundwater sample GW05 is considered to

be an up-gradient location for this property; groundwater samples GW03 and GW04 are

considered to be side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW01 and GW02 are

considered to be down-gradient locations of the property. The groundwater sample results are

summarized in Table 4-18 and Figure 18.

TCE (1.7 µg/L) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in the up-gradient

groundwater sample GW05. No other VOCs were detected in the up-gradient groundwater

sample.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

samples are summarized below:

• 1,1,1 TCA (12 μg/L) and TCE (85 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW01;

• 1,1,1 TCA (5.5  $\mu$ g/L), PCE (0.62  $\mu$ g/L) and TCE (48  $\mu$ g/L ) were detected in

groundwater sample GW02;

• 1,1,1 TCA (0.95 μg/L) and TCE (4.4 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW03;

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• 1,1,1 TCA (0.84 μg/L) and TCE (35 μg/L) were detected in groundwater sample GW04.

Other VOCs detected in down-gradient groundwater samples includes toluene, chloroform and

bromodichloromethane.

4.9.3 Summary

This property likely is contributing chlorinated solvents to groundwater because low levels of

chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the soil samples; and were at significantly higher

concentrations in side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples when compared to up-

gradient groundwater samples. The MCL of 5 µg/L for TCE was exceeded on this property.

4.10 ELKHART PLATING FACILITY (1913 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROPERTY)

START collected 19 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1913 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street

property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 19 and 20.

4.10.1 Soil Samples

PCE (4.7 J to 5.1 J µg/kL) and, TCE (13 to 82 µg/kg) were detected in soil samples collected

from one soil boring installed at the site. Other VOCs detected in soil samples include acetone,

methylene chloride and toluene. The soil sample results are summarized in Table 4-19 and

Figure 19.

4.10.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW02 is considered

to be an up-gradient location; groundwater sample GW01 and GW05 are considered to be side-

gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW03 and GW04 are considered to be down-

gradient locations of the property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-20

and Figure 20.

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Chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in the up-gradient groundwater sample GW02.

Other VOCs detected in the up-gradient groundwater samples include benzene, cyclohexane,

ethylbenzene, isopropylbenzene, xylenes and toluene.

Chlorinated solvent of interest TCE (0.23 J µg/L) was detected in one side-gradient groundwater

sample. Other VOCs detected in groundwater samples include toluene, and methylcyclohexane.

**4.10.3 Summary** 

Since PCE and TCE were detected in soil samples, there appears to be a chlorinated solvent

source on this property

4.11 ZURN FACILITY (1900 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 16 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1900 West Hively

Avenue property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was

installed and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 21

and 22.

4.11.1 Soil Samples

1,1,1-TCA (4.5 J µg/kg) was the only chlorinated solvent of interest detected in soil samples

collected from one soil boring installed on this property. Other VOCs detected in soil samples

include acetone, and 2-butanone. The soil sample results are summarized in Table 4-21 and

Figure 21.

4.11.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the soil sample TMW01 is considered to be

an up-gradient location; groundwater samples GW02 and GW04 are considered to be side-

gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW03 and GW05 are considered to be down-

gradient locations of the property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-22

and Figure 22

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Chlorinated solvents of interest TCE (1.4 µg/L) and PCE (1.2 µg/L) were detected in the up-

gradient groundwater sample TMW01. Other VOCs detected in the up-gradient groundwater

sample include acetone and toluene.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

samples are summarized below:

• TCE (0.26 J µg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW03;

• 1,1,1 TCA (13 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW04; and

• TCE (0.85 μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW05.

Other VOCs detected in groundwater samples includes acetone, benzene, toluene, chloroform

and 1,1,1-DCA.

**4.11.3 Summary** 

This property may be contributing chlorinated solvent 1,1,1 TCA to groundwater because 1,1,1-

TCA was detected in the down-gradient groundwater sample and was not detected in the up-

gradient groundwater sample, and a low level of 1,1,1-TCA was detected in one soil sample.

4.12 ADORN FACILITY (1808 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 17 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1808 West Hively

Avenue property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was

installed and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures

23 and 24.

4.12.1 Soil Samples

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the soil samples collected on this property.

Other VOCs detected in soil samples include acetone, and toluene. The soil sample results are

summarized in Table 4-23 and Figure 23

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4.12.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the soil boring TMW04 is considered to be

an up-gradient location; groundwater sample GW01 and GW05 are considered to be side-

gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW02 and GW03 are considered to be down-

gradient locations of the property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-

24 and Figure 24.

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the up-gradient groundwater sample

TMW04. Toluene was the only other VOC detected in the up-gradient groundwater sample.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater

samples are summarized below:

• 1,1,1 TCA (0.25 J μg/L ) was detected in groundwater sample GW02; and

• 1,1,1 TCA (0.47 J μg/L) was detected in groundwater sample GW05.

Other VOCs detected in groundwater samples include cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, toluene,

and benzene.

4.12.3 Source of Contamination

This property likely is not contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to the groundwater

because the chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in soil samples and very low levels

of 1,1,1 TCA were detected in side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples.

4.13 FOREST RIVER FACILITY (1800 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

START collected 20 soil samples from five soil boring locations at the 1800 West Hively

Avenue property. At each of the five soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was

installed and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures

25 and 26.

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4.13.1 Soil Samples

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the soil samples collected on this property.

Other VOCs detected in the soil samples include chloroform and toluene. The soil sample

results are summarized in Table 4-25 and Figure 25

4.13.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, the groundwater sample GW01 is considered

to be an up-gradient location; groundwater samples GW02 and TMW05 are considered to be

side-gradient locations; and groundwater samples GW03 and GW04 are considered to be down-

gradient locations of the property. The groundwater sample results are summarized in Table 4-

26 and Figure 26.

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in the up-gradient sample GW01. Other VOCs

detected in the up-gradient sample GW01 include toluene and benzene.

Chlorinated solvent of interest 1,1,1 TCA (0.44 J µg/L) was detected in one groundwater sample

collected from side-gradient well TMW05. Other VOCs detected in groundwater samples

include benzene, toluene and xylenes.

**4.13.3 Summary** 

This property likely is not contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to the groundwater

because the chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in soil samples and only very low

levels of 1,1,1 TCA were detected in side-gradient groundwater samples.

4.14 CONRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY

START collected six soil samples from two soil boring locations at the Conway Right-of-Way

property. At each of the two soil borings locations a temporary monitoring well was installed

and a groundwater sample was collected. The sample locations are shown on Figures 27 and 28.

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4.14.1 Soil Samples

No chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples collected on this property.

Other VOCs detected on this property include acetone and methylene chloride. The soil sample

results are summarized in Table 4-27 and Figure 27.

4.14.2 Groundwater Samples

Based on the northerly groundwater flow direction, both groundwater samples GW01 and GW02

are considered to be up-gradient sample locations for this property. START was not able to

collect two down-gradient samples planned on this property because of the presence of

significant utilities on the north side of the railroad. The groundwater sample results are

summarized in Table 4-28 and Figure 28.

The chlorinated solvents of interest detected in the up-gradient groundwater samples are 1,1,1

TCA (0.29 J to 2.1  $\mu$ g/L) and TCE (3.8 to 110  $\mu$ g/L).

Other VOCs detected in the groundwater samples include benzene, cyclohexane,

methylcyclohexane, and toluene.

4.14.3 **Summary** 

Since no TCE was detected in the soil samples and TCE was detected at significantly high

concentrations in groundwater sample GW01 a significant source south of this sample location is

expected. The MCL of 5 µg/L for TCE was exceeded on this property.

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5. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

This section summarizes the results of the preliminary assessment. The main focus of the

assessment was to identify potential properties contributing contaminants of concern to

groundwater contamination. The results are summarized below based on the results of

investigation at each property.

5.1 WALERKO TOOL FACILITY (1935 WEST LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• Chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in down-gradient and side-gradient

groundwater samples at higher concentrations compared to the up-gradient groundwater

sample

• There is a possibility for groundwater contamination source to be present west and south

of GW01; and

PCE in groundwater samples GW01 and GW02 have exceeded the MCL of 5 μg/L.

5.2 FLEXIBLE FOAM FACILITY (1900 WEST LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• Chlorinate solvents of interest were detected in down-gradient and side-gradient

groundwater samples at higher concentrations compared to up-gradient groundwater

samples;

• There is a possibility that contamination may be coming from an up-gradient source; and

• TCE in groundwater sample GW02 has exceeded the MCL of 5 μg/L.

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5.3 GASKA FACILITY (1810 LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property likely is

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• PCE was detected in a soil sample collected on this property;

Chlorinate solvents of interest were detected in down-gradient and side-gradient

groundwater samples at higher concentrations compared to up-gradient groundwater

samples; and

• PCE and TCE in groundwater sample GW02 have exceeded the MCL of 5 µg/L.

5.4ATLAS CHEMICAL MILLING FACILITY (1627 WEST LUSHER AVENUE

PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

1,1,1-TCA was detected in side-gradient groundwater samples at higher concentrations

compared to up-gradient groundwater samples.

5.5 HOLLAND METAL FABRICATING FACILITY (1550 WEST LUSHER AVENUE

PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• Chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples;

Chlorinate solvents of interest were detected in down gradient groundwater samples at

higher concentrations compared to up-gradient groundwater samples; and

• PCE in groundwater sample GW05 has exceeded the MCL of 5 μg/L.

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5.6 COLBERT PACKAGING FACILITY (1511 WEST LUSHER AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may not be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater because chlorinated solvents of

interest were not detected in the soil or groundwater samples collected on this property.

5.7 STURGIS FACILITY (1819 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property likely is

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

Chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples;

• Chlorinate solvents of interest were detected in down-gradient groundwater samples at

higher concentrations compared to up-gradient groundwater samples; and

• The MCLs that were exceeded for chlorinated solvent of interest include 1,1,1-TCA,

TCE, PCE, and vinyl chloride. The MCLs for 1,1,1-TCA, TCE, PCE, cis 1,2-DCE and vinyl chloride are 200 µg/L, 5 µg/L, 5 µg/L, 70 µg/L and 2 µg/L, respectively.

5.8 CULLIP INDUSTRIES FACILITY (1900 FIELDHOUSE AVENUE PROPERTY)

This property may not be contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to the groundwater

because chlorinated solvents were not detected in soil samples and were detected at very low

concentrations in down-gradient and side-gradient groundwater samples.

5.9 B-D INDUSTRIES FACILITY (1715 FIELDHOUSE AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property likely is

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• Chlorinated solvents of interest were detected in soil samples;

• Chlorinate solvents of interest were detected in down-gradient groundwater samples at

higher concentrations compared to up-gradient groundwater samples; and

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• The MCL of  $5 \mu g/L$  for TCE was exceeded on this property.

5.10 ELKHART PLATING FACILITY (1913 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROPERTY)

There may be a chlorinated solvent source on this property since chlorinated solvents of interest

were detected in soil samples collected on this property

5.11 ZURN FACILITY (1900 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

Based on the soil sample results and groundwater sample results, this property may be

contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater based on the summary provided

below:

• This property may be contributing chlorinated solvent 1,1,1-TCA to groundwater because

1,1,1-TCA was detected in the down-gradient groundwater sample and was not detected

in the up-gradient groundwater sample;

• Low levels of 1,1,1-TCA were detected in one soil sample; and

• Since PCE and TCE were detected in up-gradient groundwater sample, there is potential

for a chlorinated solvent source to be present south of this location.

5.12 ADORN FACILITY (1808 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

This property may not be contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater because

the chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in soil samples and very low levels of 1,1,1-

TCA were detected in side-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples.

5.13 FOREST RIVER FACILITY (1800 WEST HIVELY AVENUE PROPERTY)

This property may not be contributing chlorinated solvents of interest to groundwater because

the chlorinated solvents of interest were not detected in soil samples and very low levels of 1,1,1-

TCA were detected in side-gradient groundwater sample.

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5.14 CONRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY

Due to presence of significant utilities on the down-gradient side of the rail road a determination

for presence of a chlorinated solvents source cannot be made at this time; however, TCE was

detected at significantly high concentrations in groundwater sample GW01, therefore, a

significant source south of this sample location is expected. The MCL of 5 µg/L for TCE was

exceeded on this property.

5.15 K.G. GEMEINHARDT COMPANY, INC.

Based on the Gemeinhardt Report presented in Appendix B, a significant groundwater

contamination with chlorinated solvents of interest has been detected in groundwater samples

collected outside the eastern current boundary of the Lusher Street Site; and in the onsite down-

gradient monitoring wells. This suggests that significant groundwater contamination from the

Gemeinhardt property is leaving the site. Furthermore, the contamination found in the

Gemeinhardt groundwater was also detected at an up-gradient groundwater sample (TMW01)

collected on the Zurn property and side-gradient groundwater sample (GW01) collected on

Walterko's property. Based on the sampling presented in the Gemeinhardt report, it is not

known if the contamination from Gemeinhardt is present west of Nappanee Street; however, two

samples, GW01 and TMW01 (described above), suggest a possibility of groundwater

contamination from Gemeinhardt comingling with the groundwater contamination with the

Lusher Steet Site. To determine this, a significant level of investigation of groundwater flow and

contamination, as described below, will be necessary:

Significant level of investigation between Gemeinhardt and Zurn;

Investigation of properties between the Gemeinhardt and Zurn properties also have to be

investigated.; and

• Significant investigation west of Nappanee Street to determine if the contamination from

Gemeinhardt is also impacting groundwater contamination at the Lusher Street Site.

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